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Letter dated 25 October 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Eritrea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to forward a letter dated 24 October 2011 from Osman Saleh, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of Eritrea, addressed to you in connection with the request of President Isaias Afwerki to address the Security Council (see annex).

I would be most grateful if the letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Araya **Desta**
Ambassador
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Annex to the letter dated 25 October 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Eritrea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

In the light of the ongoing negotiations at the Security Council on the adoption of severe economic and financial measures on my country without concretely substantiating the allegations levelled against Eritrea, I am, once again, compelled to write you this letter as a follow-up to my letter of 7 October 2011 (S/2011/623) and also to present my Government's protest, in the strongest possible terms, about the Gabonese draft resolution.

Given the gravity of the matter and its serious implications for the Eritrean people and for regional peace and security, I wish to inform you that Isaias Afwerki, President of the State of Eritrea, is requesting to address the Security Council at the earliest mutually convenient time. The President's address to the Council shall include issues related to Ethiopia's occupation of sovereign Eritrean territory and Eritrea's constructive regional policies and its broad and positive engagements. My President looks forward to having the opportunity to address the esteemed Council members on his Government's considered views so as to enable the Council to make a crucial contribution to peace and stability in the Horn of Africa.

I would be most grateful if a prompt response would be given to my President's request to address the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Osman **Saleh**
Minister for Foreign Affairs